Patent Claims

- 1. Phosphorescent polymer, characterized in that it is conjugated and neutral and contains at least one covalently bonded phosphorescent metal complex.
- 2. Phosphorescent conjugated polymer according to Claim 1, characterized in that it contains at least one phosphorescent metal complex covalently bonded by at least one ligand L¹ and
- the ligand L¹ represents units of the formulae I to XXIX

R are identical or different and, independently of one another, represent H, F, CF₃, a linear or branched C₁-C₂₂-alkyl group, a linear or branched C₁-C₂₂-alkoxy group, an optionally C₁-C₃₀-alkyl-substituted C₅-C₂₀-aryl unit and/or an optionally C₁-C₃₀-alkyl-substituted heteroaryl unit having 5 to 9 ring C atoms and 1 to 3 ring hetero atoms from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulphur and

Ar represents optionally substituted phenylene, biphenylene, naphthylene, thienylene and fluorenylene units.

3. Phosphorescent conjugated polymer according to at least one of Claims 1 and 2, characterized in that it contains repeating units of the general formulae A and B-Ia or A and B-II or has a structure of the general formulae C or D

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Ar¹, Ar² and Ar³ are identical or different and, independently of one another, represent optionally C₁-C₃₀-alkyl-substituted C₅-C₂₀-aryl units and/or optionally C₁-C₃₀-

alkyl-substituted heteroaryl units having 5 to 9 ring C atoms and 1 to 3 ring hetero atoms from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulphur,

L¹ and L² are identical or different and

 L^{i} has one of the meanings stated in Claim 2, in the case of structures B-II, C and D one of the two linkage positions being saturated by H, F, CF₃, a linear or branched C₁-C₂₂-alkyl group, a linear or branched C₁-C₂₂-alkoxy group, an optionally C₁-C₃₀-alkyl-substituted C₅-C₂₀-aryl unit and/or an optionally C₁-C₃₀-alkyl-substituted heteroaryl unit having 5 to 9 ring C atoms and 1 to 3 ring hetero atoms from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulphur and

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 L^2 independently of L¹, has one of the meanings stated for L¹ in Claim 2, the two linkage positions, independently of one another, being saturated by H, F, CF₃, a linear or branched C1-C22-alkyl group, a linear or branched C1-C22-alkoxy group, an optionally C1-C30-alkyl-substituted C5-C20-aryl unit and/or an optionally C₁-C₃₀-alkyl-substituted heteroaryl units having 5 to 9 ring C atoms and 1 to 3 ring hetero atoms from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulphur,

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the ligands L¹ and L² complex the metal M in a chelate-like manner.

M

represents iridium(III), platinum(II), osmium(II) or gallium(III),

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represents an integer from 3 to 10 000, n

 \mathbf{z} represents an integer from 0 to 3 and

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Sp is a spacer, in particular a linear or branched C2-C15-alkylene unit or a C2-C15heteroalkylene unit having 1 to 3 chain hetero atoms from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulphur, a C₅-C₂₀-arylene unit and/or a heteroarylene unit having 5 to 9 ring C atoms and 1 to 3 ring hetero atoms from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulphur or a C₁-C₁₂-alkylenecarboxylic acid or C₁-C₁₂-alkylenedicarboxylic acid or a C₁-C₁₂-alkylenecarboxamide or a C₁-C₁₂-alkylenedicarboxamide unit.

4. Phosphorescent conjugated polymer in at least one of Claims 1 to 3, characterized in that it contains repeating units of the general formulae A and B-Ia or A and B-II or has a structure of the general formulae C or D

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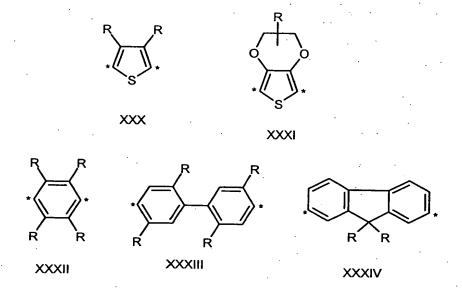
Ar¹, Ar² and Ar³ are identical or different and, independently of one another, represent thiophene units of the formula XXX and XXXI, benzene, biphenyl and fluorene units of the formulae XXXII to XXXIV and/or heterocycles of the formulae XXXV to XXXXXIV

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- R are identical or different and, independently of one another, represent H, F, CF₃, a linear or branched C₁-C₂₂-alkyl group, a linear or branched C₁-C₂₂-alkoxy group, an optionally C₁-C₃₀-alkyl-substituted C₅-C₂₂-aryl unit and/or an optionally C₁-C₃₀-alkyl-substituted heteroaryl unit having 5 to 9 ring C atoms and 1 to 3 ring hetero atoms from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulphur.
- 5. Phosphorescent conjugated polymer in at least one of Claims 1 to 4, characterized in that it contains repeating units of the general formulae A and B-Ia or A and B-II or a structure of the general formulae C or D

in which

Ar¹, Ar² and Ar³ are identical or different and, independently of one another, represent thiophene units of the formulae XXX and XXXI and benzene, biphenyl and fluorene units of the formulae XXXII to XXXIV



 L^1 and L^2 are units selected from the formulae I, II, III, VIII, XVIII, XX, XXI, XXIV, XXVIII, XXVIII and XXIX and

- R has the meaning stated in at least one of Claims 2 to 4,
- 5 M represents osmium(II), iridium(III) and platinum(II),
 - n represents an integer from 5 to 500,
 - z represents an integer from 1 to 3 and

- Sp represents a C_1 - C_6 -alkyleneoxy- or a C_1 - C_6 -alkylenecarboxylic acid or a C_1 - C_6 -alkylenedicarboxylic acid.
- 6. Phosphorescent conjugated polymer according to at least one of Claims 1 to 5, characterized in that it contains repeating units selected from the following general formulae A and B-I-1 to B-I-5 or A and B-II-1 and B-II-4 or has a structure of the general formulae C-1 and C-2

B-I-3

$$CH_3$$
 R^3
 CH_3
 C

B-I-5

B-II-3

$$\begin{bmatrix} R^4 \\ N = \\ O - \begin{bmatrix} Ar^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{bmatrix} n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R^4 \\ O - \begin{bmatrix} Ar^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{bmatrix} n \end{bmatrix}$$

C-1

C-2

in which

represents
$$R^1$$
 R^2 R^2 R^2 R^2 R^2 R^2

Ar¹ represents

$$Ar^2$$
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L represents

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R¹ represents dodecyl,

R² represents n-octyl and 2-ethylhexyl,

15 R³ represents methyl and ethyl,

R⁴ represents methyl and n-hexyl,

R⁵ represents methyl and phenyl,

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- Z represents a CH₂ or C=O group and
- n has at least one of the meanings stated in Claims 3 to 5.
 - 7. Phosphorescent conjugated polymer according to Claim 1, characterized in that it contains at least one phosphorescent metal complex covalently bonded via at least one ligand L¹ and

the ligand L1 represents units of the formulae I to XXIXc

are identical or different and, independently of one another, represent H, F, CF₃, a linear or branched C₁-C₂₂-alkyl group, a linear or branched C₁-C₂₂-alkoxy group, an optionally C₁-C₃₀-alkyl-substituted C₅-C₂₀-aryl unit and/or an optionally C₁-C₃₀-alkyl-substituted heteroaryl unit having 5 to 9 ring C atoms and 1 to 3 ring hetero atoms from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulphur and/or represent a linear or branched partly fluorinated or perfluorinated C₁-C₂₂-alkyl group, a linear or branched C₁-C₂₂-alkoxycarbonyl group, a cyano group, a nitro group, an amino group, an alkylamino, dialkylamino, arylamino, diarylamino or alkylarylamino group or represent an alkyl- or arylcarbonyl group, alkyl denoting C₁-C₃₀-alkyl and aryl denoting C₅-C₂₀-aryl, and

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Ar represents optionally substituted phenylene, biphenylene, naphthylene, thienylene and/or fluorenylene units.

Phosphorescent conjugated polymer according to at least one of Claims 1 and 7, characterized in that it contains repeating units of the general formulae A and B-Ia, A and B-Ib or A and B-II or has a structure of the general formulae C or D

in which

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Ar¹, Ar² and Ar³ are identical or different and, independently of one another, represent optionally C₁-C₃₀-alkyl-substituted C₅-C₂₀-aryl units and/or optionally C₁-C₃₀-alkyl-substituted heteroaryl units having 5 to 9 ring C atoms and 1 to 3 ring hetero atoms from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulphur,

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 L^1 and L^2 are identical or different and

L¹ has one of the abovementioned meanings, in the case of structures B-II, C and D one of the two linkage positions being saturated by H, F, CF₃, a linear or branched C₁-C₂₂-alkyl group, a linear or branched C₁-C₂₂-alkoxy group, an optionally C₁-C₃₀-alkyl-substituted C₅-C₂₀-aryl unit and/or an optionally C₁-C₃₀-alkyl-substituted heteroaryl unit having 5 to 9 ring C atoms and 1 to 3 ring hetero atoms from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulphur and/or

by a linear or branched, partly fluorinated or perfluorinated C_1 - C_{22} -alkyl group, a linear or branched C_1 - C_{22} -alkoxycarbonyl group, a cyano group, a nitro group, an amino group, an alkylamino, dialkylamino, arylamino, diarylamino or alkylarylamino group or by an alkyl- or arylcarbonyl group, alkyl denoting C_1 - C_{30} -alkyl and aryl denoting C_5 - C_{20} -aryl, and

L², independently of L¹, has one of the meanings mentioned above for L¹, the two linkage positions independently of one another being saturated by H, F, CF₃, a linear or branched C₁-C₂₂-alkyl group, a linear or branched C₁-C₂₂-alkoxy group, an optionally C₁-C₃₀-alkyl-substituted C₅-C₂₀-aryl unit and/or an optionally C₁-C₃₀-alkyl-substituted heteroaryl unit having 5 to 9 ring C atoms and 1 to 3 ring hetero atoms from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulphur and/or by a linear or branched, partly fluorinated or perfluorinated C₁-C₂₂-alkyl group, a linear or branched C₁-C₂₂-alkoxycarbonyl group, a cyano group, a nitro group, an amino group, an alkylamino, dialkylamino, arylamino, diarylamino or alkylarylamino group or by an alkyl- or arylcarbonyl group, alkyl denoting C₁-C₃₀-alkyl and aryl denoting C₅-C₂₀-aryl, and linkage positions being understood as meaning the positions marked with * in the formulae I to XXIX,

the ligands L1 and L2 complex the metal M in a chelate-like manner,

- M represents iridium(III), platinum(II), osmium(II), gallium(III) or rhodium(III),
- n represents an integer from 3 to 10 000,
- z represents an integer from 0 to 3 and

is a spacer, in particular a linear or branched C₂-C₁₅-alkylene unit or a C₂-C₁₅-heteroalkylene unit having 1 to 3 chain hetero atoms from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulphur, a C₅-C₂₀-arylene unit and/or a heteroarylene unit having 5 to 9 ring C atoms and 1 to 3 ring hetero atoms from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulphur, or a C₁-C₁₂-alkylenecarboxylic acid unit or C₁-C₁₂-alkylenedicarboxylic acid unit or a C₁-C₁₂-alkylenedicarboxamide unit.

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9. Phosphorescent conjugated polymer according to at least one of Claims 1, 7 or 8, characterized in that it contains repeating units of the general formulae A and B-Ia, A and B-Ib or A and B-II or has a structure of the general formulae C or D,

in which

Ar¹, Ar² and Ar³ are identical or different and, independently of one another, represent thiophene units of the formulae XXX and XXXI, benzene, biphenyl and fluorene units of the formulae XXXII to XXXIV and/or heterocycles of the formulae XXXV to XXXXXIV and/or units of the formulae XXXXV to XXXXXIII,

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are identical or different and, independently of one another, represent H, F, CF₃, a linear or branched C₁-C₂₂-alkyl group, a linear or branched C₁-C₂₂-alkoxy group, an optionally C₁-C₃₀-alkyl-substituted C₅-C₂₀-aryl unit and/or an optionally C₁-C₃₀-alkyl-substituted heteroaryl unit having 5 to 9 ring C atoms and 1 to 3 ring hetero atoms from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulphur and/or represent a linear or branched, partly fluorinated or perfluorinated C₁-C₂₂-alkyl group, a linear or branched C₁-C₂₂-alkoxycarbonyl group, a cyano group, a nitro group, an amino group, an alkylamino, dialkylamino, arylamino, diarylamino or alkylarylamino group or represent an alkyl- or arylcarbonyl group, alkyl denoting C₁-C₃₀-alkyl and aryl denoting C₅-C₂₀-aryl.

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10. Phosphorescent conjugated polymer according to at least one of Claims 1 or 7 to 9, characterized in that it contains repeating units selected from the following general formulae A and B-I-1 to B-I-6 or A and B-II-1 to B-II-4 or has a structure of the general formulae C-1, C-2 or C-3 or D-1, D-2 or D3

A

B-I-1

$$R^3$$
 R^3
 R^3

B-II-1

B-II-1

B-II-2

$$R^4$$
 $C-1$
 $Ar^1 \mid n$
 R^5
 $C-2$
 $Ar^3 \mid n$
 R^5
 R^5

$$R^{5}$$
 R^{5}
 R^{5}

Ar¹ represents

Ar² represents

L represents

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- R¹ represents dodecyl,
- 5 R² represents n-octyl and 2-ethylhexyl,
 - R³ represents methyl and ethyl,
 - R⁴ represents methyl and n-hexyl,
 - R⁵ represents methyl and phenyl,
 - R⁶ represents H, a linear or branched C₁-C₂₂-alkyl group or a linear or branched C₁-C₂₂-alkoxy group,
 - Z represents a CH₂ or C=O group and
 - n has the meaning stated in Claim 8.
- 20 11. Luminescent polymer, characterized in that it has a conjugated main chain and contains at least one covalently bonded metal complex, the luminescence being a combination of the fluorescence of the conjugated main chain and of the phosphorescence of the covalently bonded metal complex or complexes.
- Luminescent polymer according to Claim 11, characterized in that it emits white light.
 - 13. Luminescent polymer according to Claim 11 or 12, characterized in that it emits light which is defined by a colour location of $x = 0.33 \pm 0.13$ and $y = 0.33 \pm 0.13$ in the chromaticity diagram according to CIE 1931.

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- 14. Luminescent polymer according to at least one of Claims 11 to 13, characterized in that the metal complex or complexes, which may be identical or different, is or are covalently bonded to the chain ends of the conjugated main chain.
- 5 15. Luminescent polymer according to Claim 14, characterized in that it has a structure of the general formula (Ia) or (Ib)

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Ar¹ represents optionally substituted phenylene units (IIa) or (IIb), biphenylene units (IIc), fluorenylene units (IId), dihydroindenofluorenylene units (IIe), spirobifluorenylene (IIf), dihydrophenanthrylene units (IIg) or tetrahydropyrenylene units (IIh)

 Ar^2 differs from Ar^1 and represents units selected from (IIa) to (IIq)

 L^1 and L^2 in each case are identical or different and

L¹ is a ligand of the formulae (IIIa-1) to (IIId-1)

in which

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- Ar represents optionally substituted phenylene, biphenylene, naphthylene, thienylene or fluorenylene units,
- L² independently of L¹, is a ligand selected from units of the formulae (IVa-1) to (IVy-1)

the ligands L1 and L2 complex the metal M in a chelate-like manner,

- M represents iridium(III), platinum(II), osmium(II) or rhodium(III),
- n represents an integer from 3 to 10 000,
- z is an integer from 1 to 3 and
- 10 R are identical or different radicals and, independently of one another, represent, H, F, CF₃, a linear or branched C₁-C₂₂-alkyl group, a linear or branched partly fluorinated or perfluorinated C₁-C₂₂-alkyl group, a linear or branched C₁-C₂₂-alkoxy group, an optionally C₁-C₃₀-alkyl-substituted C₅-C₂₀-aryl unit and/or an optionally C₁-C₃₀-alkyl-substituted heteroaryl unit having 5 to 9 ring C atoms and 1 to 3 ring hetero atoms from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulphur.
 - 16. Luminescent polymer according to at least one of Claims 14 and 15, characterized in that it has a structure of the general formulae (Ia-1) to (Ib-2)

R represents a linear or branched C₁-C₂₂-alkyl group or a linear or branched partly fluorinated or perfluorinated C₁-C₂₂-alkyl group and

n, Ar^1 , Ar^2 and L^2 have the meaning stated in Claim 15.

10 17. Luminescent polymer according to at least one of Claims 14 and 15, characterized in that it has a structure of the general formulae (Ia-3) or (Ib-3)

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n, Ar¹, Ar² and L² have the meaning stated in Claim 15.

- 10 18. Luminescent polymer according to at least one of Claims 11 to 13, characterized in that the metal complex or complexes, which may be identical or different, is or are covalently bonded to the conjugated main chain.
- 19. Luminescent polymer according to Claim 18, characterized in that it contains n repeating units of the general formulae (Ic-1) and (Id) or (Ic-1), (Ic-2) and (Id)

$$\star - \left\{ -Ar^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\} \star \qquad \star - \left\{ -Ar^{\frac{2}{2}} \right\} \star$$
(Ic-1) (Ic-2)

(Id)

in which

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Ar¹ represents optionally substituted phenylene units (IIa) or (IIb), biphenylene units (IIc), fluorenylene units (IId), dihydroindenofluorenylene units (IIe), spirobifluorenylene units (IIf), dihydrophenanthrylene units (IIg) or tetrahydropyrenylene units (IIh)

Ar² differs from Ar¹ and represents units selected from (IIa) to (IIq)

 L^1 and L^2 in each case are identical or different and

L¹ is a ligand of the formula (IIIa-2) to (IIIi-1)

 L^2 , independently of L^1 , is a ligand selected from units of the formulae (IVa-1) to (IVy-1)

the ligands L^1 and L^2 complex the metal M in a chelate-like manner,

- M represents iridium(III), platinum(II), osmium(II) or rhodium(III),
- n represents an integer from 3 to 10 000,
- z represents an integer from 1 to 3 and
- 10 R are identical or different radicals and, independently of one another, represent, H, F, CF₃, a linear or branched C₁-C₂₂-alkyl group, a linear or branched partly fluorinated or perfluorinated C₁-C₂₂-alkyl group, a linear or branched C₁-C₂₂-alkoxy group, an optionally C₁-C₃₀-alkyl-substituted C₅-C₂₀-aryl unit and/or an optionally C₁-C₃₀-alkyl-substituted heteroaryl unit having 5 to 9 ring C atoms and 1 to 3 ring hetero atoms from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulphur.
 - 20. Luminescent polymer according to Claim 19, characterized in that it contains n repeating units of the general formulae (Ic-1) and (Id-1)

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$$+ \left\{ Ar^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\}$$

$$(Ic-1)$$

$$(Id-1)$$

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- R represents a linear or branched C₁-C₂₂-alkyl group or a linear or branched partly fluorinated or perfluorinated C₁-C₂₂-alkyl group and
- n, Ar^1 and L^2 have the meaning stated in Claim 18.

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21. Luminescent polymer according to at least one of Claims 15 to 20, characterized in that L² represents ligands selected from units of the formulae

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22. Luminescent polymer according to at least one of Claims 15 to 21, characterized in that Ar¹ and Ar², independently of one another, represent units of the formulae

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in which

R represents a linear or branched C₁-C₂₂-alkyl group.

- 23. Luminescent polymer according to at least one of Claims 15 to 22, characterized in that n represents an integer from 10 to 5 000, preferably from 20 to 1 000, particularly preferably from 40 to 500.
- Process for the preparation of phosphorescent or luminescent polymers according to at least one of Claims 1 to 23, characterized in that uncomplexed ligand polymers are complexed with iridium(III), platinum(II), osmium(II) or rhodium(III) precursor complexes.
- Process for the preparation of phosphorescent or luminescent polymers according to Claim 24, characterized in that uncomplexed ligand polymers are complexed with iridium(III) precursor complexes of the general formula E

 $(L^2)_2 Ir(\mu-Cl)_2 Ir(L^2)_2$

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E

in which L^2 has the meaning stated in at least one of Claims 1 to 23.

- Use of the phosphorescent or luminescent polymers according to at least one of Claims
 1 to 23 or blends thereof as emitters in light-emitting components.
 - 27. Electroluminescent arrangement, characterized in that it contains at least one phosphorescent or luminescent polymer according to at least one of Claims 1 to 23 or blends thereof.
 - 28. Electroluminescent arrangement according to Claim 27, characterized in that it contains a hole-injecting layer.
- 29. Production of the electroluminescent elements in the electroluminescent arrangements according to Claim 27 or 28, characterized in that the phosphorescent or luminescent polymers according to at least one of Claims 1 to 23 or blends thereof are applied from solution.